



World Learning

YOUTH AMBASSADORS PROGRAM FOR BOLIVIA & PERU

The Youth Ambassadors Program for Bolivia & Peru is a three week youth leadership exchange from November 6 to 27, 2013, in the U.S., for twenty four Bolivian and Peruvian teenagers ages 15-17 and two adult mentors. The program aims to develop a cadre of young adults in Bolivia and Peru who have a strong sense of civic responsibility, a commitment to community development, an awareness of current & global issues, strong interpersonal leadership skills, willingness to foster relationships among youth from different ethnic, religious, and national groups in both Bolivia and Peru, and to promote mutual understanding, respect and collaboration between people of the United States and South America. Participants will be required to implement follow-on projects upon their return home that will help them to stay in touch with each other and reflect on their experiences and integrate that learning into their day-to-day lives at home. An important goal of the program is that the student leaders, now empowered, will train other student leaders through student-led community service projects.

Who is eligible to apply?

For Bolivian Students, applicants must...

- be at least 15 years old and not more than 17 years old at the time of the exchange
- speak English at an intermediate level
- show proof of excellent academic record, be active at school and have ideas for community projects
- attend public school
- have at least one year of high school study remaining
- come from a low-income family, we may ask for proof of income
- have no previous international travel beyond neighboring countries
- have permission from either a parent or legal guardian to participate in the three-week program in the United States
- be a Bolivian citizen and currently reside in Bolivia

For Bolivian Adult Mentors, applicants must...

- have experience working with youth in a high school or community setting
- speak English at an advanced level
- be willing to spend three weeks in the United States living with and supervising Bolivian and Peruvian youths
- be willing and able to meet periodically with selected students from their region during 2013-2014 to support and monitor follow-on projects
- be a Bolivian citizen and currently reside in Bolivia

What is covered?

There is no application fee. The U.S. Embassy will pay for international transportation to and from the United States, passport fees, orientations, program and visa fees and administration, site visits and seminars, lodging and meals, some cultural activities, educational materials, accident and sickness insurance. Participants will stay with American host families and at conference centers.

What is not covered?

Participants will be responsible for expenses related to the application process (copying, mailing, photographs, etc.) and spending money for souvenirs and other items in the United States.

Who is not eligible to apply?

- students who attend private school
- those who have participated in a previous U.S. government funded exchange program
- those who are in the process of immigrating to the United States
- those who hold dual U.S.-Bolivian citizenship

Selection Process...

- Applicants must complete the online application at the website listed below and attach all required documents.
- Applicants should read all instructions carefully prior to submission, as incomplete applications may not be accepted
- Qualified applicants will be contacted for a personal interview during May 2013
- **APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 12, 2013**

**For additional information email to
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The Youth Ambassadors Program is a program of the **Embassy of the United States of America in Bolivia** and is administered by **World Learning Bolivia**.

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Students please apply online at <http://www.regonline.com/YAPBolivia2013student>
Adult mentors please apply online at <http://www.regonline.com/YAPBolivia2013adultmentor>